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James Brogdan, Esq. General Counsel Santee Cooper One Riverwood Drive Moncks Corner, SC 29481-2901

Dear Mr. Brogdon:

In response to the May 12th letter from Lonnie N. Carter, Esq., and our discussion on Friday, May 13th, we enclose the requested communications between CSFB LLC and the following individual members of the Santee Cooper Board of Directors:

Patrick T. Allen
Paul G. Campbell Jr.
Richard H. Coen
Clarence Davis
G. Dial DuBose
Carl O. Falk
Guerry E. Green
J. Calhoun Land, IV
Keith D. Munson
James W. Sanders

We understand that Santee Cooper intends to produce these communications to Michael Couick, counsel to the South Carolina Senate Judiciary Committee.

Please note that the enclosed communications were collected from the currently available Microsoft Outlook mailboxes of CSFB employees who worked on the engagement, and reflect communications occurring after the date of the engagement letter, dated November 19, 2004. In order to provide a timely response to the request, CSFB did not initiate the time consuming and expensive process of restoring and searching email back-up tapes, nor has it searched any email archival system for responsive material.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have concerning the enclosed documents.

Sincerely,

Deborah Burstein

cc: Michael N. Couick, Esq. (w/o encl.)

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